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Total Value of 2005 Crop Production

The total value of 2005 crop production in Idaho is estimated at \$2.09 billion, an increase of 1 percent from the 2004 total of \$2.07 billion, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The increase in total value is due mostly to an increase in value of potato production. Value of production for each crop is computed by multiplying the marketing year average price by the production. Included in the total value for Idaho are unpublished values for miscellaneous crops. The value of potatoes, at \$620 million, and all hay, at \$587 million, was up 11 and 6 percent, respectively, from their 2004 values. The value of all wheat, at \$338 million, was down 8 percent from 2004. The value of barley, at \$151 million, was down 16 percent from 2004. The decline in wheat and barley values was due to a combination of lower prices and decreased production from 2004.

Total value of 2005 crop production in the United States is estimated at \$104 billion, down from 2004's \$107 billion. The 2005 potato crop is valued at \$2.90 billion, up 13 percent from the 2004 crop. The all wheat value of production was \$7.14 billion, down 2 percent from last year's crop. The barley crop is valued at \$506 million compared to \$698 million for the 2004 crop.

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